SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 826 By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Michael Austin Parkison, 2006 Valedictorian of Midway High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Michael Austin Parkison is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Midway High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Michael Parkison has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Parkison has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while serving as a valued member and officer of several scholastic organizations, including Junior and Senior Class President, Fellowship of Christian Athletes President, and member of the Student Council, Beta Club, Bible Club, and Prom Committee; and

WHEREAS, a four-year honor roll student, Michael Parkison has received the Character Counts Award, the Senior Superlative Award, and Departmental Awards in English, Math, and Science, and he has also been honored with inclusion in *Midway Faculty Who's Who*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parkison is an avid sports enthusiast and was a stellar member of Midway's varsity baseball, basketball, and football teams; having received numerous athletic awards throughout his high school career, Michael also served as Captain of the basketball team; and

WHEREAS, committed to community service, Michael Parkison has volunteered his considerable skills and talents to such organizations as AWANA, Laurel Bluff Youth, Midway Youth League, and Operation Reach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parkison's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Michael Parkison's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parkison's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2006 Midway High School Valedictorian, Michael Austin Parkison, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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